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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TRANSMITTAL

Transmitted herewith is an amendment and response for this application.

EXTENSION OF TIME

The proceedings herein are for a patent application and the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.136 apply. Applicant petitions for a 3-month extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136.

TERMINAL DISCLAIMER

Enclosed are two terminal disclaimers disclaiming U.S. Patent No. 6,602,303 and U.S. Application No. 10/415,952. The \$130.00 terminal disclaimer fee is enclosed for each patent/application.

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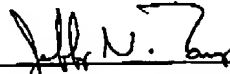
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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

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Sir:

In response to the non-final Office Action mailed December 13, 2004, Applicants request reconsideration of this application in view of the following amendments and remarks. A petition for a three-month extension of time and the requisite fee is included with this response.

Amendments and a complete listing of the claims begins on page 2.

Remarks begin on page 10.